

MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION

OCTOBER 9, 2006

NORTH CAROLINA

MITCHELL COUNTY

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on October 9, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. on in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, N.C. Those present for the session were Keith Masters, Chairman; Mike Hensley, Member; Jim Saylor, Member; Ryan Whitson, County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Also present were Lloyd Hise, County Attorney; Mavis Parsley, Finance Officer; Donny Wisor, Reporter with the Mitchell News-Journal; Steve Murphy, reporter with WKYK Radio Station; Eric Wiseman, Elena Street, Hazel Yelton, Daniel Barron, James Pitman, Mignon Durham, Carol Masters, Lloyd Burleson, George A. Wilson, Bob Mickels, Jim Stamey, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Dellinger, Mr. & Ed Reid, Mr. & Mrs. Vinny Bonaminio.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Masters called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Saylor gave the invocation.
3. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – Commissioner Hensley moved to add NIMS, Request from Spruce Pine Community Hospital, Cooperative Extension and Tipton Hill School to the agenda. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
4. **APPOINTMENTS**
 - A. **Workforce Development Board** – County Manager Whitson is to contact Chuck Vines and Robert Bailey to see if either of them would be willing to serve on the Workforce Development Board and report his findings back to the Board.
 - B. **Long Term Community Care Committee** – Commissioner Hensley moved to appoint Elena Street to the Long Term Community Care Committee. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - C. **JCPC Membership** – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the following member to the JCPC. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
 - Robin Buchanan
 - Ken Fox
 - Kathy Ray
 - David Townsend
 - Jon Branham
 - Shawn Burleson
 - Ryan Whitson
 - Ron Pallick
 - Chris Renfro
 - Lisa Sparks

- Abby Slagle
- Lauren Jenson
- Shelley Blum
- Lisa Garland
- Charley Nash
- Kathy Garland
- Lori Gilcrest
- Wade Tipton
- Misti Silver
- Nancy Godwin
- Angie Burleson
- Morgan Gibson
- Jennifer Parker

5. RELEASES/REFUNDS

A. Releases/Refunds for Board Approval – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Releases/Refunds for Board Approval (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Releases/Refunds for County Manager Approval – A copy of the Release/Refunds for County Manager Approval are hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

6. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/DECISION

A. Update from Historic Courthouse Committee – Vinny Bonaminio provided the Board with the progress that the Historic Courthouse had made.

B. Update from Daniel Barron on the Library System – The Board received an update from Daniel Barron on the Library System.

C. Repairs to Historic Courthouse – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the \$11,005.26 for Comfort Plastering & Stucco to repair the back wall of the Historic Courthouse.

Bob Mickels informed the Board that the Historical Society would be contracting with Tony Harrell to replace the roof on the Historic Courthouse.

D. Cooperative Extension Memorandum of Agreement – Commissioner Hensley moved to approve the Cooperative Extension Memorandum of Agreement (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. DSS Contract with Rosa Sistare – Commissioner Saylor moved to approve the DSS Contract with Rosa Sistare (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion was held concerning the timing of the DSS Contracts.

Commissioner Saylor moved that in the future all DSS Contracts would be presented to the Board in June for their approval. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

County Attorney Hise, County Manager Whitson and Finance Officer Parsley are to attend the next DSS Board meeting to discuss this item with them.

F. Mental Health Update – County Manager Whitson briefed the Board on the status of Mental Health.

- New Vista's will be closing as of October 31, 2006.
- Hired new deputy
- Purchased new vehicle

G. Toe River Health District Update – By consensus the Board agreed for County Manager Whitson to meet with all the Mitchell County members of the Toe River Health District Board and for County Attorney Hise to review the membership of the TRHD Board.

H. Update on Slide in Spruce Pine – County Manager Whitson informed the Board that he had a meeting later on this week on a proposal on the slide in Spruce Pine.

I. Approval of Sanitation Job Grade – Commissioner Hensley moved to make the Convenience Center Attendant with a Commercial Drivers License at Grade 55.

J. Purchase of Vehicle for Sheriff's Department – Commissioner Hensley moved to all the purchase of a Chevrolet Impala for the Sheriff's Department with the insurance money from both wrecks. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

K. NIMS – EM Director Wiseman informed the Board of the National Incident Management System. County Attorney Hise is to prepare a resolution in support of NIMS at the next regular meeting.

L. Request from Spruce Pine Community Hospital – County Attorney Hise informed the Board that they could not waive the inspection fee for Spruce Pine Hospital. He stated that the hospital needed to make a request to the EDC to receive an Economic Development Grant to cover those charges.

M. Cooperative Extension – County Manager Whitson informed the Board that Pam Pitman had resigned from Cooperative Extension.

N. Tipton Hill School – County Manager Whitson informed the Board of some building issues at Tipton Hill School and that the Board of Education could be coming to ask for additional funding to make the necessary repairs.

By consensus the Board asked that County Manager Whitson contact the Building Inspector and ask him to look at the school as soon as possible.

7. **BOARD COMMENTS**

8. **CITIZEN & AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

A. Matters on the Printed Agenda

B. Matters not on the Printed Agenda – James Pitman voiced a complaint about MCTA and DSS Social Worker – James Duncan.

9. **CLOSED SESSION** – Commissioner Saylor moved to enter into Closed Session. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hensley moved to go out of Closed Session. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Closed Session was held from 7:42 p.m. until 8:20 p.m.

10. ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENT

A. Deputy Tax Collector – Commissioner Saylor moved to appoint Misty Sparks as Deputy Tax Collector for a period of 4 years. Commissioner Hensley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

11. ADJOURNMENT – Commissioner Hensley moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Saylor seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Keith Masters, Chairman

Ken Hollifield, Vice-Chairman

Phil Byrd, Member

Mike Hensley, Member

Jim Saylor, Member

ATTEST:

Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board